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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE PERM REP GALVAO TELES,
MARCH 16

1. AT PORTUGUESE REQUEST, GOP PERMREP GALVAO TELES CALLED ON AMB BENNETT AT USUN, MARCH 16. HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS TO URGE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT PORTUGAL'S REQUEST FOR UNDP ASSISTANCE. GALVAO TELES SET FORTH THE INNUMERABLE PROBLEMS INVOLVED FOR PORTUGAL IN THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND THE COMPLICATIONS OCCASIONED BY THE PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL OF SOME 400,000 REFUGEES FROM AFRICAN TERRITORIES.

2. GALVAO TELES RELATED THAT HE HAD REQUESTED SUCH ASSISTANCE AT UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN GENEVA LAST SUMMER, AND HAD REITERATED HIS REQUEST TO UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE AND UNDP EUROPEAN CHIEF ANDERSON RECENTLY. GALVAO TELES POINTED OUT THAT OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING GREECE, MALTA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND ROMANIA, ALREADY RECEIVED UNDP AID AND THAT PORTUGAL, WITH A PER CAPITA ANNUAL INCOME OF ONLY ABOUT \$1,200 (SIC), WAS IN GREATER NEED OF AID THAN GREECE, WHOSE ANNUAL PER CAPITA INCOME WAS HIGHER.

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3. ACCORDINGLY, GALVAO TELES HAS DISCUSSED HIS DESIRE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, INCLUDING SWEDEN, THE NETHERLANDS, BRAZIL, AND CUBA, SOME OF WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS FORTHCOMING. LISBON HOPED IT COULD COUNT ON THE US IN ITS CAPACITY AS LARGEST DONOR TO UNDP.

4. GALVAO TELES NOTED THAT SEVERAL PROJECTS FOR PORTUGAL FROM UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ALREADY HAD BEEN STUDIED, INCLUDING AN FAO PROJECT INVOLVING FISHERIES AND A WHO PROGRAM INVOLVING SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT, BUT PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR THEM WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE AND PROJECTS MIGHT, THEREFORE, BE DELAYED.

5. GALVAO TELES ADDED THAT MINISTER SALGADO ZENHA WOULD BE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON SHORTLY TO DISCUSS PORTUGAL'S FINANCIAL NEEDS. FURTHER, PORTUGAL WOULD BE REITERATING ITS INTEREST IN UNDP FUNDING, IN ITS OBSERVER CAPACITY, AT GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE.

6. BENNETT EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN TRYING TO BE AS HELPFUL TO PORTUGAL AS WE COULD. AT THE SAME TIME, HE EXPLAINED CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL AND UNDP BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS. BENNETT ADDED THAT HE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONVEY PORTUGUESE REQUEST TO WASHINGTON, WITH A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FROM THIS MISSION.

7. LASTLY, GALVAO TELES STATED THAT HE NOW FORESEES QUESTION OF TIMOR ARISING IN SECURITY COUNCIL DURING MARCH.
BENNETT

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